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### *Master Plan for Bill's Meadow*

Waddecar Scout Activity Centre which celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday last year recently purchased an adjoining field through a generous bequest from a previous supporter of the site, Bill Fazackerley to expand its existing 55 Hectare footprint near Beacon Fell in the Brock Valley.

Despite many ideas of how to use this field, it was difficult to share ideas about what it could look like and the volunteer teams lacked anyone with specific drawing or design skills. It was then that West Lancashire Scouts successfully took advantage of the County Council's Community Design service to produce plans which set out the long term vision for their new field. Although some work had taken place with the addition of an underground caving complex, a canoeing and rafting pond and a conservation area, the next steps needed mapping out and the Community Design team came to the rescue.

The plans have now been completed and detail the overall layout for the site which include, paths, tree planting areas, permanent camping areas, parking and a pot-holing complex. In addition the are detailed plans for a "Cottage Garden" style Granddads Garden which will have raised beds, vegetable plots, green house, fruit bushes and an orchard, all of which will be used by groups of Scouts, Guides and all the other young people who use the fantastic resource at Waddecar.

Pete Sturgess, Principal Officer for West Lancashire Scouts said "This fantastic support from Community Design has really helped us to visualise what we all wanted and the drawings will no doubt help us to show others what we are trying to do."

To raise the profile of the scheme, and to start the process of fund raising the development plans will be officially handed over from the County Council, and scheme sponsors Barclays, to representatives from West Lancashire Scouts on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 11am.

It is expected that various groups and individual with an interest in the site will be present on the day including, the scheme designer, members of the County Council's Projects Team, representatives of Barclays, West Lancashire Scout Commissioners and a host of Scouts and Guides who will be camping over the weekend.

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## Editor's Notes:

- More information on Community Design can be found at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/communityprojects](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/communityprojects) and click on the design button.
- Scouting is the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK with a total of 476,992 members (March 2002 figures)
- Worldwide, there are well over 28 million members in over 216 Countries. Two thirds of the membership lives in developing Countries.
- The Aim of the Association is "To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.
- Scouting in West Lancashire has a membership of just under 10,000 members in the following 8 Districts: Chorley, Blackpool, Preston, Ormskirk, South Ribble, Fylde, Wyre and Lonsdale.

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